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Quick Facts

Countries	Portugal
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2017-07-06
Borrower	SONORGAS - SOCIEDADE DE GAS DO NORTE SA
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 33.12 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 66.25 million

Project Description

According to EIB website, the project will extend the gas distribution networks in its concession areas in the north of Portugal for the period Q3 2016-Q4 2019. It will enable the shift from more expensive and polluting fuels, bringing environmental benefits and potentially lower energy costs. The project will be located in less-developed regions.

The project is acceptable for Bank financing from an environmental standpoint.

Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Media

- Juncker Plan: EUR 29 million EIB loan to finance the expansion of gas distribution in Portugal